

O 112209Z SEP 08
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE
RUEHTRO/AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE 2829
RUEHGL/AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL IMMEDIATE 0140

UNCLAS STATE 097589

SENSITIVE

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [AEMR](#) [ASEC](#) [CASC](#) [KFLO](#) [MARR](#) [PREL](#) [PINR](#) [AMGT](#)

SUBJECT: MGHH01: HURRICANE MONITORING GROUP SITUATION
REPORT NO. 9

IKE HEADS NORTH, MAY SPARE MEXICO

¶1. (SBU) Mission Mexico continues to monitor the storm.
Expected rainfall is unlikely to cause flooding in the
Rio Grande valley. (MG/WHA telcon)

CUBA RECOVERS, AIRPORT AND SEAPORT OPERATING

¶2. (SBU) The Cuban government estimates three to four
billion USD in damages and five deaths to date.
Officials report 320,000 housing units were damaged or
destroyed, as well as 20 percent of the citrus crop.
(MG/WHA telcon)

¶3. (SBU) USINT has resumed normal operations and plans
to request an end to authorized departure. (MG/WHA
telcon)

HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE, 20 MILLION USD DISPERSED

¶4. (SBU) The USS Kearsarge remains stationed outside of
Port-au-Prince; Navy helicopters and sea vessels are
scheduled to transport more than 260 metric tons of
critical relief supplies to Port-de-Paix, Les Cayes, and
Gonaives. USG assets are greatly facilitating the
transport of supplies to critical need areas.
(Ops/USAID e-mail)

¶5. (SBU) Primary roads remain impassable near four
bridges; additional bridges are weakened and may collapse
with additional rainfall. OFDA and SOUTHCOM are working
with Haiti's Ministry of Public Works, Transportation,
and Communications on a formal needs assessment and
request for assistance in the coming days. (Ops/USAID e-
mail)

¶6. (U) Minimize considered.
RICE